

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-268-C - ORDER NO. 2005-568
OCTOBER 13, 2005

IN RE: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications,) ORDER APPROVING
Inc. for Waivers for Victims of Hurricane) AND EXTENDING
Katrina.) WAIVERS
)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) for waivers of certain telecommunications charges. BellSouth states its desire to provide free service to facilities that certain organizations have established in South Carolina to provide assistance to survivors of Hurricane Katrina for a reasonable period of time, not to extend beyond October 31, 2005.

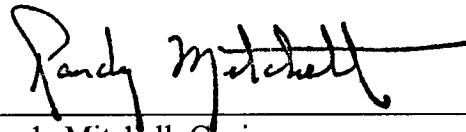
Further, BellSouth requests modifications to certain waivers granted in our Order No. 2005-513. BellSouth requests that the waivers be extended to qualifying retail customers on orders placed through October 31, 2005, and that the waiver of termination charges described applies regardless of whether the business does or does not reopen or relocate.

We approve the requested waivers that would allow BellSouth to provide free services to facilities that certain organizations have established in South Carolina to provide assistance to survivors of Hurricane Katrina not to extend beyond October 31, 2005. Further, we approve an extension of the waivers granted in Order No. 2005-513 to

October 31, 2005. In addition, we recognize that the waiver of termination charges described applies regardless of whether the business does or does not reopen or relocate. As we stated in Order No. 2005-513, we believe that the waivers are in the public interest and will greatly aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The waivers and extension of previously granted waivers will also aid those organizations that provide assistance to those victims. In summary, the requests are approved as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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